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## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.  
September 24, SOONHOU, British steamer, 327.  
T. R. Lewis, Pakhoi 19th September, Holow  
22nd, and Macao 24th, General—CHINESE.  
September 24, FOOKSANG, British arr. 900,  
Saw, Swatow 23rd September, General—  
JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO.  
September 24, TARTHOKE, British arr. 862, J.  
A. Morris, Bangkok 17th September, Rice  
and General—YUEN FET HONG.  
September 24, WOOSTING, British arr. 1,109, J.  
B. Harris, Newchow 13th September, General—  
BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.  
September 24, ANCONA, British arr. 3,142, W.  
J. Webb, Shanghai 22nd September,  
Mail and General—F. & O. S. N. CO.

CLEARANCES.  
At the HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE  
24th SEPTEMBER.  
Metapedia, British str., for Nagasaki.  
Joham, British str., for Amoy.  
Kutzing, British str., for Swatow.  
Dionante, British str., for Amoy.  
Stockton, British str., for Canton.  
Dorsonus, British str., for Singapore.  
Glockberg, German str., for Amoy.

DEPARTURES.  
September 24, MELITA, German str., for Whampoa.  
September 24, COMET, German str., for Haifa.  
September 24, JOHANNES BRUN, Norwegian  
str., for Whampoa.  
September 24, ESSOIR, British gunboat, for a  
cruise.  
September 24, MELITA, British gunboat, for a  
cruise.  
September 24, DIAMANTE, Brit. str., for Manila.  
September 24, FORTRESS, British str., for Tamsui.  
September 24, KUUSAN, Brit. str., for Swatow.  
September 24, FOOKSANG, British steamer, for  
Whampoa.  
September 24, SOONHOU, British str., for Canton.

PASSENGERS.  
ARRIVED.  
Per SOONHOU, str., from Pakhoi, &c.—53 Chi-  
nese.  
Per TARTHOKE, str., from Bangkok.—32 Chinese.  
Per FOOKSANG, str., from Swatow.—32 Chinese.  
Per MACAO, str., from Shanghai.—For Lon-  
don—Mr. J. A. Scott and 2 children, and Mr.  
Hague, for Hongkong.—Mr. and Mrs. G. D.  
Scott, Mr. E. S. Porter and servant, and 12  
Chinese.

REPORTS.  
The British steamer FOOKSANG, from Swatow  
23rd September, reports experienced  
light to strong N. and N.E. winds the whole  
passage.

The British steamer SOONHOU, from Pakhoi  
19th September, reports bad fine weather for the  
last six days.

The British steamer TARTHOKE, from Bangkok  
17th September, reports bad fine weather  
throughout the voyage till nearing the islands,  
when had fresh N.E. monsoon and rising sea.

NOW PUBLISHING.  
NEW & ORIGINAL SERIAL STORY  
BY THE PEN OF  
H. RIDE R.—A. G. A. R. D.  
Author of "King Solomon's Mines," "Alas  
Quatermain," "She," "Joss," &c.

The Proprietors of this Journal are pleased to  
announce that they have at a very considerable  
outlay, made arrangements with H. RIDE R.—  
Author of "King Solomon's Mines," "Alas  
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have written a new English story for the present  
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Readers will enjoy presentiment of a new and  
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this season every shower must help to cool air and earth. The members of the British Legation have again come to town, to have another interview at the Yamen. The Russian Grand Duke has arrived and has gone to visit the Minister at the hills and to see the Great Wall. Coming incognito and not being supposed to know of his visit, the Chinese are not allowed to enter the Temple of Heaven and other sights will consequently not be thrown open to him. Mr. Oliver has arrived from home via Canada.

The Tung-wei College was opened on the 29th and on the day following a holiday was granted as the buildings were in requisition for the mathematical examination of the outside students going up for the forthcoming examination. All the students in the city were crowded with the literati who have come for this examination, men who are "sickled over with the pleasure of thought." In the neighbourhood of the Legations we had two severe accidents the other day—one a male servant of foreigners, when slightly out of his mind, performed harakiri, and another, a woman, received twenty-three ugly wounds from a hand made with a large vegetable chopper. The police, the hospital, the magistrate, and some trifling disputes about vegetables. Both cases are doing well.

I understand that the electric lighting apparatus for the old Peitang Cathedral has been despatched from Berlin.

You will learn with much satisfaction that a new edition of Dr. Martin's Natural Philosophy has been called for, and will be published in a much improved and enlarged form. An edition to 1000 will be specially brought out at the request of the Emperor. Speaking of literature and science for the Chinese, I should probably notify the completion of the sixteen volumes of science primers translated by Dr. Edkins, at the instance of the Inspector-General of Customs. These elementary books will supply a wanted field in the Chinese market, which is not yet being supplied, particularly at Tientsin. Excellent profane to the work, indicating the advantages of a scientific training, praising the advance made in science in the west, and the valuable contribution to learning which is to be found in the works of Dr. Martin. The Inspector-General has also been asked for by His Majesty. The door now seems open for the introduction of all valuable and well-translated foreign scientific books. These works must have an undeniably good effect in developing the youthful imperial mind, and form fitting introductions to the study of Western learning and the introduction of Western civilization. We here are proud that these works, as far as I can see, should be intimately associated with this new and promising departure.

Mr. Oliver is preparing to start a new class in Natural Philosophy, and is busy unpacking costly apparatus, and Mr. Ready from Hankow has also arrived to take up the English department, or, as was remarked to me, when we last saw him, Oliver. We always have another Oliver ready. The literati go into the examination starting on the 13th. Mr. Hillier and family have joined the British Legation at the end of Canada.

The Grand Duke before his departure visited the Temple of Heaven, but did not gain admittance to the sacred apartments reserved for the Emperor. Sir Robert's hand, which was paralysed by the desecration of some of the musicians, is, we hear, to be reinforced by others from Tientsin, and a young hand of some thirteen months is to be trained.

We have had a fair amount of rain already—amounting for the year to some 18 inches; one heavy fall was 7 inches in twenty-four hours, but the weather is not in the day time—N. O. Daily News Correspondent.

#### NEWCHWANG.

15th September.

From all parts of the country for over one hundred miles we hear that the floods have caused very great misery, which all the efforts of the Government will only be able to alleviate to a small extent. The water has rapidly drained off fortunately, and the river is regaining its normal condition, after making inundations and there has been a great deal of British Government relief, considerable, and where there was a comparatively broad, level band for some hundred yards or more, is now deep water. Godowns, walls, jetties, etc., have had to be removed to save the materials and some of the lotholdes have had heavy losses. It is not much good to go into the question as to who is to blame for the damages, or whether they are caused entirely by the user of the river, but it is certain that strong measures will soon be taken to bind the band and the property thereon. The Commissioner of Customs is working very hard to preserve his part of the foreshore—and strong piles are being driven in by a pile driver—but if the water deepens other measures will have to be adopted to preserve the Custom House and other property on the band—N. O. Daily News Correspondent.

#### CHANGES AT THE JAPANESE MINT.

The *Hyogo* News says—"A vernacular paper repeats a rumour that important changes are expected to be made shortly in the personnel of the staff employed at the Japanese Mint. It is to be hoped that the Mint itself, that is, the administration, will remain unaffected, but that the foreign experts will remain unaffected, because there can be no dispute that, whether with reason or otherwise, the coinage of Japan will not command the same confidence abroad that it now does if all the delicate operations of assaying and coining are deprived of efficient foreign supervision. Granting that the same argument may be urged in favour of the employment of the Mint in its full capacity, it is still that a foreign expert one over here will have to be sent to Japan, and the amount of management will be with the coinage on the part of the foreign intercourses are not yet forgotten."

In a subsequent issue the same paper says—"One very excellent reason why the Japanese Government should be more than ordinarily careful to avoid any steps which may have the effect of discrediting the coinage, is that the year is at last finding in Hongkong an appropriate time to bring the Mint into full capacity. In that event, the administration of the colony, the Japanese, who have actually forced it into circulation notwithstanding such a serious discrediting, and will no doubt continue to increase in popularity, so long as the maintenance of the present standard is assured." Certain remarks are quoted from the *Daily Press* on this subject, and our correspondent says—"The Japanese people, in Hongkong and the Straits Settlements, would continue to place confidence in yen should the Mint be entirely divested of foreign supervision, as at least open to question. Indeed, if we recollect rightly, one of the most cogent arguments used against the legalisation in Hongkong of the yen was that no guarantee of reliable superintendence was forth, coming."

A few days later the following paragraph appeared:—"The termination of the contract of Messrs. Gowland and Mather, with the Royal Mint, Jersey, and Mint, following on it does so closely upon the cessation of the practice of sending pye coins, &c., for assay to the Mint at Washington and London, is not calculated to reassure foreigners respecting the future operations of the establishment at Osaka. This result is doubtless of no moment to the Government at present, but it will be if they make up their minds to have a silver coinage established immediately with a superintendence. In course of time confidence may, perhaps, be established in a coinage conducted entirely without imperial supervision, but in the interval the Chinese shrews may be expected to take full advantage of opportunities afforded them by a discredited currency."

#### COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

MONDAY, 24th September.

Opium.

Quotations are—  
New Maua ..... \$382 to \$390 per picul, alots of 100 lbs. (3 to 1 catty).  
Old Maua ..... \$395 to \$390 per picul, alots of 100 lbs. (3 to 1 catty).  
Older Maua ..... \$390 to \$390 per picul, free of charge. (allots of 100 lbs. (3 to 1 catty).  
Pain (New) ..... \$345 ..... per catty.  
Pain (Old) ..... \$35 ..... per catty.  
Benzene (Old) ..... \$35 ..... per catty.

#### EXCHANGE.

Telegraphic Transfer ..... \$1.  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... \$1.  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ..... \$1.  
Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight ..... \$1.  
Credits, at 6 months' sight ..... \$1.  
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... \$1.  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... \$1.  
Credits, at 6 months' sight ..... \$1.  
On NEW YORK—  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... \$1.  
Bank Bills, 60 days' sight ..... \$1.  
On BOMBAY—  
Telegraphic Transfer ..... \$2.  
Bank on demand ..... \$2.  
On SHANGHAI—  
Bank, at sight ..... \$2.  
Private, 60 days' sight ..... \$2.

#### SHARES.

Quotations are—  
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—\$122 per cent. premium.  
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—\$90 per share.  
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$84 per share, ex div. buyers.  
North China Insurance—\$14. 285 per share.  
Yangtze Insurance Association—\$1. 97 per share.  
China Insurance Company, Limited—\$175 per share, nominal.  
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—\$1. 16 per share.  
Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$67 per share, sellers.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$342 per share.  
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$76 per share, sellers.  
Sino Marine Insurance Company, Limited—\$23 per share.  
Straits Fire Insurance Company, Limited—\$18.  
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—\$35 per cent. prem. sales.  
Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—\$120 per cent. prem. sales.  
Indo-China Navigation Co.'s Shares—\$10 per cent. discount.  
China and Manha Steamship Company, Limited—\$118 per share, sales and buyers.  
Doublet Steamship Company, Limited—\$57 per share, sales.  
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—\$35 per cent. prem. sales.  
Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—\$120 per cent. prem. sales.  
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$185 per share, sellers.  
Lung-Sun Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$75 per share, sales.  
Hongkong, Ice Company's Shares—\$75 per share, sellers.  
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$65 per share.  
Pork and Tin Miners and Smelting Company—\$10 per share.  
Pungon and Sunghee Due Samantan Mining Company, Limited—\$184 per share, sellers.  
Penang Sugar Cultivation Company—\$1. 18 per share.  
Hongkong Ropeway Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$77 per share, sellers.  
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$100 per cent. premium, now.  
China Imperial Loan of 1884 C—\$9 per cent. premium, now.  
China Imperial Loan, 1886 E—\$11 per cent. premium, now.  
Socie'te Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$5 per cent. prem.  
Hongkong High Level Tramways Company, Limited—\$25 per cent. prem. now.  
Bass Borneo Planting Company, Limited—\$24 per share, buyers.  
Cruckshank & Co., Limited—\$12 per cent. prem.

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